IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO.2260 OF 2004

Anand Bhauraoji Meshram ...Petitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Anr. ...Respondents

ALONG WITH

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.1794 OF 2004

Shankar Devdare & Ors. ...Applicants

Versus

The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

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Mr.V.M.Thorat with Mr.Ratnakar Singh for Petitioner.

Mr.N.B.Pawaskar for Respondents 2 and 3 in WP 2260/04 and for Applicants in Appln.1794/04.

Mr.A.S.Gadkari, A.P.P. for Respondent No.1 in both matters.

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**CORAM: A.M.KHANWILKAR, J.**

**DECEMBER 9, 2004.**

**P.C.**

1. Heard Counsel for the parties. This

Petition seeks to cancel anticipatory bail granted by the Court below on 8th April 2004. I find no convincing reason forthcoming as to what prevented the Petitioner to approach this Court immediately after the order was passed. In other words, the order is allowed to operate for almost eight months and now the trial is also slated for hearing, as I am given to understand that the next date for framing of charge is on 10th January 2005. If it is so, I see no reason to interfere at this distance of time. Dismissed.

2. The Trial Court is, however, directed to expedite the trial and conclude the same preferably by the end of June 2005.

3. I am informed that the Respondents have filed Application before this Court for quashing of the criminal action pending against them before the lower Court. Learned Counsel for the Respondents states across the bar, on instructions that since I have directed early disposal of the trial, the Respondents will not press the Application for quashing, already filed, being Criminal Application

No.1794 of 2004. The said Criminal Application is taken on Board and dismissed as withdrawn unconditionally. All questions raised in the said Application are left open.

A.M.KHANWILKAR, J.